GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2629
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2013
RETIREMENT OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS
Choudhary Shri Nikhil Kumar

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Information Commissioners are expected to retire in the coming months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any transparent policy has been framed for the selection of Information Commissioners of the Centre and in the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The following Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission are retiring during 2013 :-

S.No	Name and Designation	Date of Retirement
1.	Smt. Annapurna Dixit, Information Commissioner	05.06.2013
2.	Sh. Satyananda Mishra, Chief Information Commissioner	04.09.2013
3.	Sh. M.L. Sharma, Information Commissioner	07.09.2013
4.	Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Information Commissioner	18.12.2013

(c)& (d): As per Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of (i) the Prime Minister, Chairman of the Committee; (ii) the Leader of Opposition of Lok Sabha; and (iii) a Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

As per Section 15(3) of the RTI Act, the State Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioner in the State Information Commission shall be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of (i) the Chief Minister, Chairman of the Committee; (ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly; and (iii) a Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Chief Minister.